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SUB: EUROPEAN SPACE CONFERENCE (ESC) DEVELOPMENTS

1. GOB SCIENCE POLICY MINISTER AND ESC PRESIDENT HANIN, CHARGED AT ABORTIVE JULY 18 ESC MEETING WITH BRINGING MEMBER COUNTRY POSITIONS CLOSER TOGETHER, HAS BEGUN TO MAKE THE ROUNDS. HE HAS VISITED THE HAGUE, LONDON AND ROME, COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MADE NO FIRM COMMITMENT ON EITHER SPACE MODULE OR L3S LAUNCHER PROJECTS.

2. IN ADDITION TO HANIN'S EFFORTS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRG HAS APPROACHED MANY ESC GOVERNMENTS IN EFFORT TO GET COMMITMENTS COVERING FULL COST OF BOTH SPACE MODULE AND L3S. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE BELIEVES THAT QUASI-FIRM COMMITMENTS AT PRESENT COVER ALL BUT SIX PERCENT OF SPACE MODULE AND 15 PERCENT OF L3S DEVELOPMENT COSTS. ESC DELEGATES ARE MEETING IN PARIS JULY 25 TO PREPARE FOR JULY 31 ESC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS. BOOCHEVER.

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